



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Effective January 1, 2007, The City of Somerville has new rules about how residents should safely and properly store trash.

These changes are designed to increase the health and safety of our City, and protect your property and City property from rats and other rodents.

Please view the changes and Frequently Asked Questions in this brochure, and if you have more questions or concerns, please call 311.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville City Hall

93 Highland Ave

Somerville, MA 02143

Questions? Call 311

(617-666-3311 from outside Somerville), or

e-mail: TrashInfo@ci.somerville.ma.us

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Cambridge Health Alliance. For a brochure in Spanish,
Portuguese, or Haitian-Creole, please call 311.

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New Trash Storage and Disposal Guidelines

Resident Guide 2007



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and click on "311" for more
information

NEW TRASH STORAGE & DISPOSAL GUIDELINES



- While stored on your property, all trash must now be in a waterproof and airtight container with a lid.
- Trash put out for pickup must remain in a container, but does not need to be covered.
- Containers put out for pick up may not exceed 50 lbs when full.
- Trash may be placed out for pickup no earlier than 4:00 P.M. on the day before trash collection and no later than 7:00 A.M. on the day of trash collection.



Please note that the City of Somerville recycling guidelines have not changed. For more recycling information, please call 311.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kind of barrel is required to store and dispose of trash?

The barrels must be waterproof with tight-fitting covers. When putting out trash, containers must weigh less than fifty pounds.

Will my barrel get mistaken for my neighbor's?

Barrels should have the resident's address displayed clearly on the side.

Where can I purchase a low-cost waterproof barrel?

At local hardware stores and large home goods centers.

Can I store trash in cardboard boxes?

No. Only barrels with tight fitting lids are acceptable.

Can I keep trash outside the barrel on the side or rear of my house prior to trash collection day?

No. All trash must be stored in covered barrels prior to trash collection day.

Can extra trash be placed next to my barrel on trash day?

No. Bags of trash may not be placed on sidewalks or streets on trash day.

Can I place an extra bag of trash on top of my barrel if I run out of space?

Yes, **on trash day only**, but not while the trash is stored in your yard during the week.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to keep the barrel covered when I place it out for collection?

No. We encourage you to remove the lids prior to placing your barrels out for collection.

What time do I have to remove my barrels from the sidewalk?

All barrels must be removed from the sidewalk no later than 7 P.M. the day of trash collection.

What time can I put my trash out on the sidewalk?

These times remain the same: trash must be placed on the sidewalk no earlier than 4:00 P.M. of the day prior to trash collection and no later than 7:00 A.M. the day of trash collection.

How much will the fines be?

Fines will range from \$50 to \$300 per offense. First offense will be \$50.

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